

**Nebraska Wireless Interoperable Network Council (N-WIN)
April 21, 2011**

**Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Departments Training Center, 3140 N St, Lincoln, NE 68510
Minutes**

Opening Comments

1. Roll Call:

First	Last	Org	Attendance
Al	Berndt	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	x
Ted	Blume	Nebraska Games & Parks	x
Mark	Conrey	Tri-County Region	
Jim	Gerweck	South East Region/NCOR Rep.	
Adam	Matzner	State Fire Marshal's Office	
Tom	Schwarten	Nebraska State Patrol	x
Jayne	Scofield	Office of the Chief Information Officer	x
Dave	Webb	Nebraska Public Power District	x
Owen	Yardley	Chair, UNL Campus Police	x

2. Open Meeting Law Information- verification of public notice, availability of copy of law in the meeting location- NEB.REV.STAT 84-1407 through 84-1414

Discussion Items

1. Updates of Projects- Matt Schnell, OCIO

Phase 1- Phase 1 sites Angora, Chadron, Huntsman, Mitchell, Harrison, Ogallala, Oshkosh, Rushville, Garden County, and White Clay are all fully operational on the Radio system. The generator at White Clay is almost ready.

Phase 2- All Phase 2 sites are fully operational on the Radio System. OCIO/NPPD is working with Motorola on illegal carrier issues, rechecking all the groundings for those sites affected by the strong storms. After grounding, Motorola will have their engineers review each site affected.

Phase 3- Phase 3 sites: Sargent, Naper, O'Neill, Wolbach, Niobrara, Norfolk, Pleasanton, Giltner, Milford, Lincoln, and Beatrice are all fully operational on the Radio system. Cedar Bluffs & Jones Creek equipment is set up and waiting on FCC frequency assignments.

Phase 4 (and 3) - Franklin, Superior, Kimball, Osceola, Humphrey sites have equipment and assigned frequencies. However, the combiners will be sent back to Sinclair to be re-tuned for each site. Motorola has not given a date for the completion of those re-tunings. Hartington is complete pending a FCC license. Elgin site is waiting for a tower lease, then final Motorola testing. Falls City, Craig, Sterling, Omaha, and Nebraska City sites are waiting on frequencies. Nebraska City is looking at different sites for their tower. The final DSR testing between Lincoln and Kearney will be May 18th; there may

be some disruption in the radio system that day. The meeting with Motorola on the coverage study is May 25 through May 27. All sites will be installed by June. Motorola will begin testing once the Kimball site is finished.

NCOR/Mutual Aid- Bob Wilhelm, NEMA

NCOR made progress pairing Paraclete with a switch to change frequencies and control base stations remotely. The Tri-county Region proposed a solution to interface with the state patrol. The two Mutual Aid pilot areas are progressing well.

2. Funding model- Jayne Scofield, OCIO & Dave Webb, NPPD
Internal meetings with OCIO and NPPD were held. A draft document will be created to tie into N-WIN Council procedures. The cost model will take into consideration the number of users, size of footprint for that organization, the number of towers affected, and the amount of traffic. The draft model is intended for groups who use the system continuously. The model will need to include assessing costs for single or emergency events. . The funding model will be edited and then presented for approval at the May 2011 N-WIN Council Meeting.
3. Council Procedures Definitions- Pam Kemper
Pam Kemper sent out new definitions for the N-WIN Council to consider adding to the Council Procedures. A draft will be ready at least two weeks prior to the next meeting and presented for approval at May 2011 N-WIN Council Meeting.

Action Items

Information/Reports

1. Office of the Chief Information Officer- Jayne Scofield
OCIO recommends considering the state radio project an open enterprise project through summer 2011.
2. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency- Al Berndt
The federal budget passed with decreased funding for certain state grants. NEMA will be looking for ways to support areas where funding was reduced. The major challenges will be (a) deciding how to reconfigure the federal dollars to cover all of the projects, (b) finding a way to administratively support the program, and (c) working to continue the build-out of the point-to-point network and the mutual aid system, since some designs may need to be changed at the local level.
3. University of Nebraska Public Policy Center- Mark DeKraai
The PPC held an Investment Justification workshop on April 14th. Federal guidance and dollar amounts have not been released at this time, but attendees started working on justification narratives since a quick turnaround is expected once the guidance is released. The next Interoperability Webinar will focus on county officials and will be held May 5, 2011, 12:00 PM

CDT. Webinar notices have been sent; the information should be forwarded to interested persons.

4. Nebraska Public Power District- Dave Webb
The Nebraska Public Power District has named a new CEO: Pat Pope.
5. NCOR representatives
No Report.

Comments

1. Member comments
Al Berndt, NEMA: There will be a reduction in federal Homeland Security funding this year. The division of dollars among the State Homeland Security Grant Investments will be determined by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. There are many competing issues which means that some groups may not get the money they had originally expected to receive. The main objective is the state communications funding.

Pam Kemper: The application documents for participation on the State Radio System are being developed and discussed. So far they are looking at creating a form similar to those used in Wyoming and South Dakota.
2. Public comments

Next Meeting

Friday, May 27th, 2pm, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.